'Don't ask, don't tell' revamped

■ Pentagon issues revised, more explicit guidelines for policy on gays in military.

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Headline by Sarah Marquardt

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon on Friday announced its first major revision of guidelines for its "don't ask, don't tell" policy on gay men and lesbians in the military, including a new requirement that commanders seek approval from senior civilian officials at the Pentagon before opening investigations of troops who acknowledge they are gay.

The revised guidelines failed to satisfy gay rights advocates, who say the new directives do not go far enough and that pervasive hostility toward gay men and lesbians in uniform continues to result in violent harassment. They pointed to last month's brutal murder of an Army private in Kentucky as evidence of the entrenched hostility.

■ Springs Army and Air Force Academy officials uncertain whether new directives will require changes/**A3**

Under the guidelines, the Pentagon ordered that commanders institute anti-harassment training at all levels of the military, beginning with basic training, and that low-level military lawyers consult with senior lawyers before opening an investigation of anyone suspected of being gay.

They also require that commanders seek approval from the military secretary they serve — the Army secretary, in the case of an Army commander — before opening an investigation in the dozen or so cases a year when "a service member made a statement regarding his or her homosexuality for the purpose of seeking separation" from the service.

The requirement appears to have been designed to answer criticism from gay rights advocates that the military has conducted intrusive investigations into the sex lives of troops who acknowledge their homosexuality and are preparing to leave the service.

The investigations, the advocates charge, are an effort to find damaging information that can be used to force troops to pay back military scholarships and other benefits.

"I've made it clear there is no room for

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ing U.S. Marines, entered Beijing to put down the Boxer Rebellion, which was aimed at purging China of foreigners.

In 1917, China declared war on Germany and Austria in World War I.

In 1935, the Social Security Act became law, creating unemployment insurance and pension plans for the elderly.

In 1941, President Franklin Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill issued the Atlantic Charter, a statement of principles that renounced aggression.

In 1947, Pakistan became independent of British rule.

In 1951, newspaper publisher William Randolph Hearst died in Beverly Hills, Calif.

In 1969, British troops arrived in Northern Ireland to intervene in sectarian violence between Protestants and Roman Catholics.

In 1973, the U.S. bombing of Cambodia came to a halt.

In 1995, Shannon Faulkner officially became the first woman cadet at The Citadel, South Carolina's state military college. Faulkner quit the school less than a week later.

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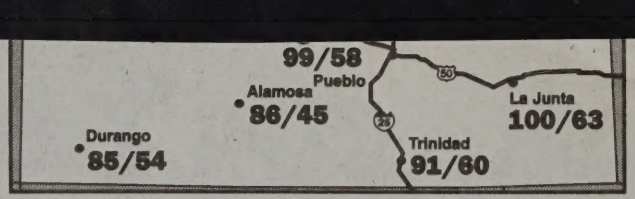

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LOCAL STATISTICS

PRECIPITATION

24 hours to 5 p.m. yesterday	trace
Total for month to date	6.67"
Normal for month to date	1.39"
Total this year to date	24.38"
Normal for year to date	11.53"

HIGH/LOW (as of 5 p.m.)

High Yesterday	77°
Low Yesterday	52°

TODAY'S RECORDS

High	96° (1962)
Low	50° (1989)

SUN

Sunrise today	6:11 a.m.
Sunset today	7:55 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow	6:12 a.m.
Moonrise	9:28 a.m.
Moonset	10:04 p.m.

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MIKE'S FORECAST

Today: Sunny morning; partly cloudy afternoon. High 87.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, breezy. Low

Sunday: Partly cloudy; chance of afternoon/evening thunder. High 86.

Extended Outlook

Monday: Chance of afternoon and evening t-storms. High 88. Low 58

Tuesday: Chance of afternoon and evening t-storms. High 88. Low 58

Wednesday: Chance of afternoon evening t-storms. High 85. Low 58

5-DAY TRENDS

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Local implications of directives unclear

By **Bill McKeown**
The Gazette

Officials at military installations in Colorado Springs say they don't know yet what the implications will be with the release of new directives clarifying the "don't ask, don't tell" policy on gay service members.

Ron Joy of Fort Carson and Neil Talbott of the Air Force Academy said it's too early to tell what changes, if any, will have to be made to conform to the directives, which seek to clarify but not change the "don't ask, don't tell" policy imposed early in President Clinton's first term.

One directive is expected to require mandatory classes for all personnel, designed to prevent harassment of gay men and lesbians.

Talbott said the academy has well-established courses that explore all sorts of harassment issues in the workplace. Whether those will be strengthened or new classes added to conform to the directives is unclear, he said.

The new directives are in response to criticism from some gays that the president's "don't ask, don't tell" policy has been abused, with investigations launched solely to rid the military of gay men and lesbians.

Talbott said in the past year, only one gay person was discharged — and that person voluntarily came forward and acknowledged the sexual orientation.

Joy said there have been five administrative separations — all honorable discharges — by gay mrn or lesbians at the Army post in the past six months. He said two of the five separations were initiated by the soldiers themselves. He said he didn't know the circumstances in the other three cases.

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Military/Policy falls short, critics say

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harassment or threats in the military," Defense Secretary William Cohen said in issuing the directives, which the Pentagon described as an attempt to spell out the policy more clearly to avoid abuses.

"I've instructed the military services to make sure that the policy is clearly understood and fairly enforced," he said. "The department is determined to implement the homosexual conduct policy with fairness to all concerned."

While the 5-year-old "don't ask, don't tell" policy was designed by the Clinton administration to make it easier for gay men and lesbians to serve in uniform, gay rights advocates say the instances of anti-gay harassment in the military actually have increased.

The numbers of gay soldiers facing discharge from the service also has grown dramatically under the policy. Last year, 1,145 people were discharged from the armed services for homosexuality, compared with 997 in 1997 and 617 in 1994, the year the policy took effect.

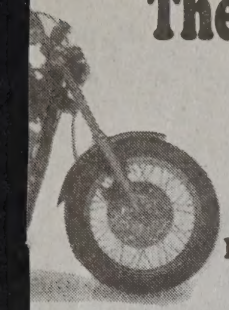
The military continues to bar openly gay people from serving in uniform. Under the policy, gay men and lesbians can serve in the armed forces as long as they do not discuss their sexual orientation, and commanders are barred from asking troops whether they are gay.

The new guidelines also remind commanders that they cannot open investigations into the sexual orientation of troops without credible information, that they must promptly investigate when troops complain they are being taunted because of the perception or allegation that they are gay and that those troops cannot be the subject of retaliation for filing complaints.

They also, for the first time, give a specific order to internal investigators within each of the branches of the military — the inspectors general — to review whether commanders and military lawyers are carrying out the "don't ask, don't tell" policy properly.

The new directives were the subject of heated last-minute negotiations Friday between the Pentagon and the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network, a prominent Washington group that represents soldiers who are prosecuted over their perceived sexual orientation.

Michelle Benecke, a retired Army captain who is co-director of the organization, said that while the group was pleased with the wording of Cohen's statement and with some elements of the directives, the new guidelines still leave many members of the military vulnerable to harassment and violence. "This is not a new day," she said.



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Clinton ho in tax-cut

Economy makes

By **Alan Fram**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Another autumn, another budget showdown between President Clinto and the Republican Congress. And once again, Clinton seems be in a commanding position.

Before leaving for their Augu recess, Republicans sent Clinto a 10-year, $792 billion bill showi ing tax cuts on families, busines es and investors.

Clinton can — and will — ve the GOP's tax cuts, apparently without paying much of a price The healthy economy has bred ambivalence toward tax reductions, and the consequence of a veto is a politically harmless continuation of current tax law

Republicans will be pressure to cede to Clinton at least some of the extra billions for educati and other domestic programs. Without at least a temporary agreement on spending, federal agencies would shut down whe fiscal 2000 begins Oct. 1.

"Clinton has always wanted some policy achievement . . . a he's got the cards," said Dan Palazzolo, a University of Richmond political scientist who ha written about Washington's budget wars.

Clinton must decide whethe

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